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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121 and 1.125 (as amended to date) please enter the substitute specification in clean form and including paragraph numbers [0001] through [0058] and Abstract attached hereto as Appendix A. A marked-up substitute specification to clearly identify amendments to the specification as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 13, 14, 24, 25, 31, 36, 37, 39, 48, 49, 56, 59, 66, 72-74, 76, 80, 81, 84, 86, 88, 89, 91-93, 95-97, 100 and 101 have been amended herein. All of the pending claims 1 through 101 are presented, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121(c)(1)(i) and 1.121(c)(3), in clean form in Appendix C attached hereto. Please enter these claims as amended. Also attached as Appendix D is a marked-up version of the claims amended herein pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Accompanying this Preliminary Amendment is a Letter to the Chief Draftsman submitting proposed revisions to FIGS. 1-4, 7 and 14. Approval of the revised figures is respectfully requested.